

Testimony

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Council Bill 43 (217) needs to be passed/adopted. Reason: Honolulu Country Club has failed to clean and keep clean its surrounding waterways, causing health concerns to the surrounding neighborhood (stinking and hazardous gases smell, unsightly overgrowth of algae due to stagnant water drainage, horrendous amounts to accumulated trash and debris in the waterways (causing the stagnation of flowing, emptying of excess water through the weir/dam/drainage system, and washing away of considerable amounts of trash, debris, and algae during heavy rain storms through the drainage system and into the nearby ocean (Keehi Lagoon) and causing the ocean to be contaminated and a repository of all of the above polluting material. Being the legal owner of the waterways, it is HCC's responsibility to clean and keep clean its waterways. Years ago, under different owners, HCC did clean and keep clean its waterways (was a good neighbor). But the present ownership has willfully disregarded and failed to do its legal and good neighbor responsibility, like the previous ownership did, and keep its waterways clean and free-flowing.

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The previous good neighbor owners had and used the proper dredging and cleaning equipment to keep its waterways clean. The present ownership has not maintained and used such cleaning equipment. As a result, HCC waterways has once again deteriorated and become polluted with trash, debris, and surface covering algae. All of this needs to change and be corrected by HCC. Unfortunately, HCC has been totally uncooperative and irresponsible in the resolution of this problem (of its own making). Therefore, HCC has to be made legally bound and responsible to do the needed cleanup (and continuing cleanup) of its waterways. City Council Bill 43 (2107) will effect this necessary action. Therefore, I support and ask the Council to pass Bill 43 and force HCC to do the long-overdue cleanup of its waterways, and the continuing maintenance and cleaning of its waterways. The Bill should include the right and responsibility for the City's Facility Maintenance Division to do periodic, annual inspections of compliance by HCC in keeping its waterways clean to an acceptable standard, and if HCC fails to do its legal responsibility and pass the City's inspection of its waterways, appropriate fines and other pecuniary actions are authorized under the Bill for failure to comply under the proposed Bill 43.

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